

2009 County Council Result

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1,097 JAMES DOYLE

181 Labour

350 UKIP

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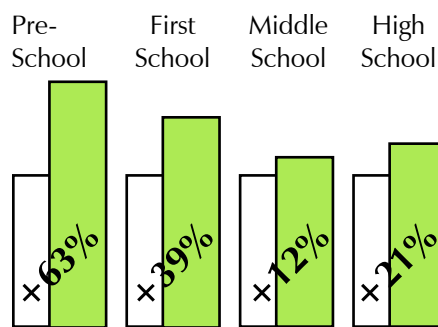
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Town Centre School Crisis?

THE BOOMING TOWN CENTRE POPULATION, and a change in demographics, is putting pressure on school places in the heart of Worthing, and **COUNTY CLLR JAMES DOYLE** is calling for more action to make sure town centre residents can get their children into a school that doesn't require a daily trek across town.

'The census shows a massive increase in preschool and school-age children in Central and Heene wards from 2001 to 2011,' said Cllr Doyle, 'and although work is already being done to expand our town centre schools, more needs to be done, particularly with the huge number of children under 5 who will be needing school places in the near future.'



Population increases 2001 to 2011 in Central and Heene wards (Source: ONS Census Figures)

Long school journeys harm children's education

'There are already many residents who have to take their children on long journeys to school each day, and have their appeals turned down, because of a lack of school places closer to them. It's particularly bad when parents have to cross the railway line, with its notorious delays.'

Where can we put more school places?

The most pressing problem has to be how and where do we get more space for schools. While it's not as bad for High School children to travel further, we urgently need more places at Heene, Elm Grove and St Mary's schools; and if we can find space either for a Middle School, or to change the age of transfer so that children up to 11 can be at a school close to home, then that would improve the situation not just for those travelling across town to school now, but also for the younger children whose parents will need to plan for them in the near future.

'The County Council needs to think creatively, and quickly, and invest for the future of Worthing,' says James

What do you think? Let Cllr Doyle know your views!



Heene First School: at the heart of our community, and vital to any plans for expanding school provision in the town centre

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A Blooming Marvellous Idea for Worthing?

County Councillor James Doyle is proposing that Worthing streets could bloom - and residents could harvest the benefits!

As part of the County Council's review of street tree planting in Worthing, Councillor Doyle has suggested that residents could get together and run 'street orchards' in their area.

'I've asked the Council to consider using their planting budget to put in fruit trees. Of course, this would only be where residents are willing to monitor them, harvest the fruit, and share the resulting crops among themselves,' James said. 'We have record waiting lists for allotments, showing people want to be able to grow their own fruit and veg - so why not do some growing close to home?'



James Doyle: working for Worthing

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Fracking: What is it? Could it happen in West Sussex?

Fracking - hydraulic fracturing - is a technique used to extract oil and gas. Sometimes fossil fuels are hard to extract from the rocks in which they're found, and so drilling companies will force liquids at high pressure into the rock to fracture, or break, it, and allow the hydrocarbons to be pumped out.

While it's not a new technique, it is now being employed more widely, with higher pressures and volumes, and using plastics, chemicals and other materials to 'improve' the fracturing power. It's widely employed in North America, where reports of groundwater contamination and illness among livestock, pets and people, are becoming widespread.

Here, West Sussex County Council gives planning permission for hydrocarbon drilling in the county (did you know there are already drilling facilities at several places around the county?), and although fracking is not used, and is not suitable for much of our geology, companies could apply for permission to 'frack' in the future. Want to know more? Get in touch, or come to the talk on March 8th (see below)

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Next Issue:

*Cllr Doyle's views on 20s
Plenty, and cycling/pedestrian
facilities in Worthing*



Diary Dates

- 27th Feb 7.00pm Sidney Walter Centre**
Fairtrade Speaker: Malawi Sugar Cane Farmer
- 2nd Mar 10.30am Ecclesden Mill, Angmering**
Plot Day and Tree Pruning
- 5th Mar 10.30am County Hall, Chichester**
WSCC Planning Committee
- 8th Mar (Time and venue tbc: email for details)**
Fracking talk by Canadian expert Jessica Ernst
- 13th Mar 6.00pm Worthing Town Hall**
Planning Committee
- 14th Mar 6.30pm Worthing Town Hall**
Overview & Scrutiny Committee
- 22nd Mar 10.30am County Hall Chichester**
Council Meeting (webcast on WSCC website)

*For more 'green' events around Sussex, check out
Transition Town Worthing transitiontownworthing.ning.com*

Social Media Tips

Ever wondered if Twitter or Facebook have a **real** point? Surprisingly, they can be useful!

You can join the lively discussion on how to make Worthing a better, safer, cleaner and greener town on our Facebook page at OurGreenWorthing: join in and have your say, and help us make plans for the future.

On Twitter, follow James Doyle (@cllrjamesdoyle) and Worthing Green Party (@OurGreenWrthng); and if you want to know what's going on generally in your area, just try searching for #worthing or #westsussex.

Send Cllr Doyle a message on Twitter if you see litter or dog mess down your street, and he'll get straight on to the council cleansing services - they really do react more quickly this way!

Finally, if you've got a smartphone, download the LoveWestSussex app, implemented following a suggestion by Cllr Doyle at West Sussex, and you can report potholes, broken streetlights, or other problems, on the spot!

Give Us a Hand!

You can help make Worthing a greener, friendlier, safer town for us all. Worthing Greens depend on volunteers for all our campaigning and funding - any time or money you can give is gratefully received.

- I can help deliver leaflets in my area
- I want a poster to display at election time
- I will vote Green at the next local election (at the last election I voted:)
- I would like to donate to help fund these newsletters and other campaigning in Worthing (cheques payable to Worthing Green Party)

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